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SUBJ: GUINEAN REQUEST FOR FY74 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM

REF: STATE 74327; DAKAR

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL GUINEAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR FY 74 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM. THE COMMODITIES AND THE QUANTITIES REQUESTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| RICE | 40,000 MT | DRIED MILK | 500 MT |
| WHEAT | 15,000 MT | DRIED BEANS | 500 MT |
| VEGETABLE OIL | 4,000 MT | SEMOLINA | 200 MT |
| TALLOW | 3,000 MT | MARGARINE | 20 MT |
| COTTON | 5,000 BALES | POWDERED EGGS | 3 MT |

2. SUPPLY, DISTRIBUTION AND IMPORT DATA WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. INDICATIVE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE GUINEA GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THIS REQUEST IS FACT THAT MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY PRESIDENT TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION TO US AUTHORITIES AND INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S ADVICE AS TO BEST TIME, IN REF-
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ERENCE TO PL 480 DECISION- MAKING, FOR MINISTER TO ARRIVE.

4. WHILE RECOGNIZING PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT SITUATION THAT EXISTS REGARDING US SUPPLIES AND OUR MANY COMMITMENTS, WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF RICE IN THIS PROGRAM REQUEST. RICE HAS BECOME STAPLE IN GUINEAN DIET. CURRENT YEAR'S HARVEST DISAPPOINTING WHILE US UNABLE SUPPLY ANY UNDER FY 73 PROGRAM AND CHINESE DELIVERIES HAVE REPORTEDLY FALLEN SHORT OF EARLIER PROMISED QUANTITIES. CONSEQUENTLY, STOCKS ARE LOW AND SUPPLY VERY LIMITED. REQUEST FOR 40,000 MT UNDOUBTEDLY EXAGGERATED BUT URGE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING WHATEVER AMOUNT IS POSSIBLE.

5. USG RESPONSE TO THIS GUINEAN REQUEST FOR BADLY- NEEDED COMMODITIES CERTAIN TO BE INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THIS COUNTRY. EXTENT AND NATURE USG RESPONSE WILL ALSO HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON OUR ABILITY TO INTERVENE EFFECTIVELY ON MATTERS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO US AND TO ENCOURAGE PRACTICAL METHODS FOR INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION UNDER THE NEW FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN LEADING TO REDUCED FUTURE NEED FOR PL 480 ASSISTANCE.
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